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In re Application of	:	
Robert H. Leslie, et al.	:	
Application No. 09/163,771	:	ON PETITION
Filed: September 30, 1998	:	
Attorney Docket No. 2002.1528.ORI	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 1, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed September 30, 1999, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 31, 1999.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The US Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. At 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109 (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office)).

The Change of Correspondence Address has been accepted and recorded.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5594.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 3600, Art Unit 3635 for further processing.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Retta Williams".

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